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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I work in the software industry from my home. Like many teleworkers in this country, I am dependent upon broadband for my livelihood and for the taxes that I pay. Without high-quality, reliable broadband, I am unable to work and thus do not pay the taxes that pay your salaries.

Today, I have a highly reliable, Gigabit Fiber solution from Sonic Internet. Prior to this, I had a slower, Wireless solution from a local provider that used point-to-point microwave. Both of these solutions far outperform and are cheaper than the solutions offered by my DSL choice of AT&T.

When I moved into this house in the city of San Francisco, AT&T offered me DSL that was very expensive. I thought that the name of AT&T would at least provide a high quality service. I was appalled that the DSL connection had an effective throughput of 56Kbps even though it was advertised as 5 Mbps. Do the math, the actual speed was two orders of magnitude slower than the advertised speed!

Today I receive gigabit Internet connection that I actively monitor. I consistently get in excess of 900 Mbps which is asynchronous (meaning that I get that speed both up and down), I've had it over two years and I'm delighted with. In fact, all of my neighbors have switched to the same service because it is so fast and reliable.

AT&T recently offered me Internet service at the same price at 1/10th the speed. I ask you, would you take up that offer? I don't think so. But that is your choice just like I've made my choice.

Please keep our Internet choices open such that I can work in freedom. Please do not create any barriers to competition. The Internet works because it is open to all with freedom to choose. The regulation that we need of Internet Providers is to ensure that the Internet is open with no preferential treatment to the large telecommunications companies who spend money on lobbyists rather than on innovation in their services.

BTW, I'm still very upset that the Federal Government approved AT&T to purchase media companies promising that they would not raise consumer rates. They lied to you, they lied to the

American public, and nothing was done about it.

Please allow the smaller providers to provide innovation by keeping the market place open.

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